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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LATAH

EWU MEDIA LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Petitioner,

v.

CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO and MOSCOW POLICE DEPARTMENT,

Respondents.

KAREN LARAMIE, an individual; STACY CHAPIN, an individual; JAMES CHAPIN, an individual, and MAIZIE CHAPIN, an individual,

Intervenors.

Case No. CV29-26-162

AFFIDAVIT OF D.M. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE, MOTION TO STAY, AND MOTION TO RECONSIDER

I, DYLAN MORTENSEN declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Idaho that the following statement is true and correct. I am over the age of eighteen and am competent to testify to the matters set forth herein.

My name is Dylan Mortensen, and I am the former roommate of Madison Mogen, Kaylee Goncalves, Xana Kernodle, and Ethan Chapin. I was in the home, 1122 King Street, Moscow, Idaho, on the night my roomates were murdered. I testified for the prosecution and gave multiple interviews regarding the man I saw in the home on the night of the murders.

I am writing to respectfully ask the Court to maintain the existing redactions that blur my face in police interviews, body-camera footage, and other investigative recordings related to the University of Idaho murders. I understand the importance of transparency and why the public has an interest in this case. However, I hope the Court will also consider the impact that removing these protections could have on my privacy, personal safety, and ability to move forward with my life. I recognize that my identity is already publicly known and that photographs and videos of me are available online, but I do not believe that means I should lose the limited privacy protections I still have.

Since November 2022, my life has changed in ways I never could have imagined. Along with losing four of my friends and experiencing something incredibly traumatic, I have spent nearly four years dealing with public attention, harassment, threats, and constant speculation about my involvement in what happened. People who have never met me have formed opinions about my character, questioned my actions, and accused me of things I had absolutely nothing to do with. I understand that I cannot control what people choose to believe or say about me, but the amount of attention and hostility I have received has affected nearly every aspect of my everyday life. It has changed how I interact with people, where I feel comfortable going, and how much personal information I feel safe sharing.

One of the biggest changes has been the loss of my ability to feel safe and anonymous. Since November 2022, my family and I have had to move nine times in an effort to protect our privacy and safety. Reporters and strangers investigating the case on their own have shown up outside our homes, followed family members, and invaded our privacy in ways that have made it difficult to feel safe. Moving was not simply about wanting to avoid public attention. It was about trying to find somewhere we could live without constantly worrying about being watched, followed, or approached. I have also had to take precautions that most people would never have to consider. When I was working, I had to use an alias to protect my identity, and when I meet new people, I often introduce myself using a different name because I do not know how someone might react if they recognize me. Even something as simple as ordering packages or receiving deliveries has required me to use a different name because I worry about my real identity being connected to my location. These are ordinary parts of life that have become complicated because of the attention surrounding this case.

I have also become extremely cautious about photographs, cameras, and where I go in public. I often ask not to be included in pictures or videos, and my friends have helped protect my privacy by keeping me out of photographs or asking photographers not to take pictures of me. I worry that even appearing in the background of someone's photo could lead to more people recognizing me or identifying where I am. When I go out, I avoid places that are isolated or do not have many people around unless I am accompanied by my dog or someone I trust. I have become much more aware of my surroundings because I do not know whether someone who has made threatening or hostile comments about me online could recognize me in person. It is difficult to feel completely comfortable in public when I am constantly considering whether someone knows who I am and what they might believe about me.

There have already been situations where strangers have recognized me while I was simply trying to enjoy normal experiences. On May 9, 2026, I was at Bardenay celebrating a friend's graduation. I had gone to the restroom alone, and as I walked out into the hallway, a girl approached me and asked if I was Dylan Mortensen. The restroom was located down a hallway away from the main restaurant and bar area, and it felt as though she may have been waiting for me to come out. Being approached while I was alone in that setting made me uncomfortable, especially because I had no way of knowing why she wanted to identify me or what she believed about the case. More recently, on October 3, 2026, I attended a John Summit festival and was recognized despite wearing sunglasses. I was there to enjoy the music and spend time with friends, but even in a large crowd and with part of my face covered, people were still able to recognize me.

These experiences have changed the way I feel when I notice someone looking at me in public. I often find myself wondering whether they recognize me or whether they are simply looking in my direction. I understand that someone recognizing me does not automatically mean they have bad intentions, but after years of receiving hateful messages and threats, I cannot always feel confident about why someone might approach me. I worry about being confronted by someone who believes the accusations circulating online or who feels entitled to question me about what happened. This is one of the reasons I am so concerned about removing the blurring from my face in the investigative recordings. I am already being recognized despite the privacy protections currently in place, and I worry that making additional footage of my face available would make it even easier for strangers to identify me in everyday situations.

The harassment I have experienced online is another major reason I am concerned about my safety. Since November 2022, I have received numerous unsolicited messages from strangers

accusing me of participating in my friends' murders, blaming me for their deaths, and making cruel statements about what they believe should happen to me. I have preserved more than 30 screenshots documenting these messages, which span multiple years and demonstrate that the harassment did not end after the initial attention surrounding the case. Some individuals have called me a murderer, accused me of lying, and told me that I should have died that night. Others have expressed hopes that I would be hurt or killed. These messages are difficult enough to receive on their own, but what concerns me most is that some individuals have made statements about finding me or confronting me in person.

For example, I have received messages stating, "I'll find you" and "Don't let me find out where u live." Another individual threatened to share my parents' address, while someone else expressed the hope that I would be stabbed and die a slow, painful death. My mom also came across a disturbing comment on TikTok in which someone stated that if they saw me in downtown Boise, they would put me in the trunk of their car to question me about the case. Although I did not personally discover this comment, knowing that someone publicly expressed a willingness to confront and physically restrain me is frightening, especially given the harassment and unwanted recognition I have already experienced. These statements are particularly concerning because they reference finding me, exposing my family's location, or confronting me somewhere I could realistically be. Given that I have already had to move repeatedly because people discovered where we were living, I cannot simply dismiss comments about finding my location. I do not know who these individuals are, whether they live near me, or whether they would act on what they have said. That uncertainty is something I carry with me when I leave my home, attend events, or interact with people I do not know.

I am sharing these experiences because I want the Court to understand why the existing facial redactions are important to me. I recognize that there are already photographs and videos of me circulating online, and I understand that my identity is publicly known. However, I believe there is a significant difference between the photos and videos people have already seen of me and the lengthy police interviews and body-camera recordings taken during one of the most traumatic and vulnerable periods of my life. Those recordings capture me during an extremely frightening situation, when I was trying to process circumstances that no one should ever have to experience. I do not believe the public needs unrestricted access to my face and emotional reactions during those moments to understand the information being discussed. The recordings have already been released, and people can hear my statements, my voice, and my interactions with law enforcement without needing to see my face.

One of my biggest concerns is that these recordings are much different from the photographs or shorter videos of me that are already online. A photograph captures a single moment, while lengthy interviews and body-camera footage can show extended periods of me speaking, listening, reacting, and expressing emotions. Removing the blurring would allow strangers to become more familiar with my facial expressions, mannerisms, eye movements, and the way my face moves when I speak. Someone who might not recognize me from a photograph could recognize me after watching extended footage of how I talk, react, and express myself. Given that I have already been recognized in public while taking precautions to protect my identity, I worry that this additional exposure could make those situations more frequent. It could also increase the possibility of unwanted encounters or confrontations with individuals who have already demonstrated hostility toward me online.

I am equally concerned about how my facial expressions and reactions could be interpreted and used against me. For years, strangers have analyzed my words and actions, questioned why I responded the way I did, and made assumptions about what they believe my behavior meant. Some have taken those assumptions further and accused me of being involved in the murders. I worry that removing the blurring would give those same individuals another opportunity to pause recordings, take screenshots, isolate specific expressions, and create new theories based on how they believe I should have looked or reacted. I was experiencing an extremely traumatic situation, and I do not believe that my facial expressions during those moments can accurately communicate everything I was thinking or feeling. There is no single correct way for someone to respond to trauma, and I do not want my reactions during one of the worst experiences of my life to become additional material for strangers to analyze, criticize, or use to make accusations about me.

I have already seen how easily information surrounding this case can be taken out of context and circulated online. Once footage showing my face is released, I would have no control over how it is downloaded, edited, reposted, or shared in the future. Individual moments could be separated from the rest of an interview and presented in ways that do not accurately reflect what was happening. Even if those interpretations were false, the footage could continue circulating indefinitely, and I would have no realistic way to stop it. This is particularly concerning because the hostility directed toward me has continued for years, and I have already experienced how strangers can take limited information and turn it into accusations. I worry that providing additional footage of my face would create more opportunities for that behavior while also making me more recognizable to the people engaging in it.

I understand that the Court must consider the public's right to access information, and I respect the importance of that responsibility. I am not asking for the interviews or body-camera recordings to be withheld from the public, nor am I asking for information about the investigation to be hidden. I am asking the Court to consider what additional information is actually gained by removing the blurring from my face. My statements do not change when my face is visible, and the information being discussed in those recordings remains the same. What changes is the public's ability to examine my facial expressions, become more familiar with my appearance, and circulate images of me during an incredibly vulnerable time. I believe maintaining the existing blurring allows the public to access the substance of these recordings while still preserving an important layer of privacy and protection for me.

I have spent nearly four years trying to rebuild some sense of normalcy after everything that happened. I want to be able to work, meet new people, attend concerts, celebrate important moments with friends, and enjoy ordinary experiences without constantly worrying about being recognized or confronted. I want to feel comfortable introducing myself by my real name, having my picture taken, and going places without having to consider whether someone might know who I am. These are things that most people do without thinking twice, but they have become difficult for me because of the attention and harassment surrounding this case. I know that I cannot change what happened in November 2022, and I understand that my name may always be associated with this tragedy. However, I do not believe that means I should have to give up every remaining part of my privacy.

The fact that I continue to be recognized and harassed despite the existing redactions does not mean those protections are unnecessary. To me, it demonstrates how difficult it already is to maintain any sense of privacy or safety. I have changed where I live, the name I use in everyday

interactions, the places I feel comfortable going, and the way I interact with people because of the attention surrounding this case. Removing the blurring would take away one of the few remaining protections I have over how much of myself is publicly exposed. I cannot know exactly what additional harm would result from releasing this footage without redactions, but based on the harassment, threats, and unwanted recognition I have already experienced, I am genuinely concerned about the consequences.

I respectfully ask the Court to maintain the existing redactions protecting my face in police interviews, body-camera footage, and other investigative recordings wherever legally permissible. I understand the importance of public access to information surrounding this case, and I respect the Court's responsibility to consider that interest. My request is specifically about protecting my face in these recordings and the impact that removing those protections could have on my safety and privacy. I have already lost an enormous amount of privacy because of what happened, and I am still trying to move forward with my life while carrying the consequences of that experience. I hope the Court will consider that these recordings capture deeply personal moments during one of the most difficult times of my life, and that maintaining the facial redactions would allow me to retain some measure of privacy without preventing the public from hearing what I shared with investigators.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my statement and the impact that removing these protections could have on my privacy, safety, and future.

DECLARATION OF DYLAN MORTENSEN

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 9-1406(1), I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury to the laws of the State of Idaho that this statement is true and correct.

DATED this 29th day of October, 2026.

DYLAN MORTENSEN, INTERVENOR

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 29th day of October, 2026, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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